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The Big News This Week

Souvenir Sheets of Little America Commemorative Stamps

Third Assistant
Postmaster General,
Washington, January 18, 1934.

The attention of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service is called to the issuance of 3-cent Little America commemorative stamps in sheets of six stamps each as printed on the postage-stamp press to be included in the display of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at the National Stamp Exhibition of 1934 to be held at Rockefeller Center, New York, N. Y., February 10-18.

The special sheets will be approximately 3⅜ by 3⅝ inches in dimensions, and will be issued ungummed and unperforated. The following printing will appear in small type in blue ink on the four sides of the sheets: "Printed by the Treasury Department, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, under authority of James A. Farley, Postmaster General, New York, N. Y., February 10-18, 1934, in compliment to the National Stamp Exhibition of 1934."

The souvenir sheets of Little America stamps will be first placed on sale February 10, 1934, at the branch Philatelic Agency to be operated in connection with the National Stamp Exhibition. In addition to these special sheets, the branch agency will have available for sale stocks of the various commemorative stamps, from the William Penn issue, to date.

To facilitate the dispatch of mail by visitors, a separate substation of the New York post office will be established on the exhibition floor, for the use of which a special canceling stamp, reading as follows, will be provided: "National Stamp Exhibition Sta., New York, N. Y." As the Little America stamp was issued primarily for use on mail dispatched on the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, the special sheets of this stamp, as described herein, will not be issued to and sold through post offices, and postmasters are directed not to submit requisition to the Department for stocks thereof.

For the benefit of stamp collectors who do not attend the National Stamp Exhibition, provision will be made to place the souvenir sheets of Little America stamps on sale at the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, beginning February 19, to which office mail orders may be submitted for the desired number of full sheets, with remittance by postal money order at the rate of 18 cents each, in addition to which allowance must be made for return postage and registration fee. Personal checks and other postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment.

All sales, both by mail and otherwise, will be made in full sheets, of which a single plate number will be available. To insure the prompt filling of orders, requests for special sheets of Little America stamps must be made for this item alone, with other varieties of stamps excluded. Early shipment cannot be made if request for Little America sheets is included in a mixed order.

Neither the branch Philatelic Agency nor the New York post office will be authorized to prepare first-day covers bearing the special sheets of Little America stamps for dispatch on February 10. Likewise, the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, will not prepare such covers for mailing on February 19, the first day of issue in Washington.

Postmasters may furnish information to the above effect to local philatelic societies and collectors, so far as it is practicable to do so without expense to the Department.

C. B. Eilenberger,
Third Assistant
Postmaster General.

National Stamp Exhibit Doubles Floor Space

Word is at hand that so many entries are pouring in to the forthcoming National Stamp Exhibit in New York that it has already been found necessary to double the floor space for the Exhibit. Two entire floors instead of one will be used. This will give the show more than 40,000 square feet of space.

More than 200 exhibitors have already entered exhibits and these come from all parts of the United States.

Most of the great collectors of the country will show at this exhibit.

Kansas Stamp Show

Beginning February 15 and continuing through the 18th, stamp collectors of Kansas will hold a big stamp show at Newton. H. S. Dickey of Newton, is Chairman of the Exhibition Committee. Collectors of Wichita are active with Newton collectors in staging this show and it will doubtless attract many of the fraternity who reside in the Sunflower State.

Hundred Dollar Collection Gold Medal Winner

New York, Jan. 24. When Charles Lathrop Pack gets annoyed, he gets annoyed good and plenty. He gets so annoyed that he wins gold medals with penny investments.

During an interview with the internationally known forester and economist, who was a visitor to this city yesterday from his Lakewood, New Jersey, home, to prepare his world-renowned stamp collections for entry in the National Stamp Exhibition, to be held at Rockefeller Center, February 10 to 18, there was brought to light one of his favorite stories on himself.

Some years ago, according to Mr. Pack, he was standing in front of a group of his stamp collections which were on exhibit. Two visitors were likewise looking on. One commented that it really didn't take brains to get up a collection like Mr. Pack's all you needed was to be a millionaire with lots of time on your hands.

Mr. Pack determined right then and there that he would get up a collection of just penny stamps that would make everybody realize that money wasn't everything to a philatelist.

The opportunity came when Mr. Pack, searching away at various stamp issues, made the discovery that Brazilian stamps, in the issues of 1894 to 1904, were using substituted heads, that is, the head centerpiece of the original value for which it was designed, had been used in other values.

The discovery was an important one philatelically, and as Mr. Pack explained:

"I sent my discovery in a collection to the London International Philatelic Exhibition in 1923, to prove that there was great scope for original philatelic work in stamps valued at a few cents."

There was less than a hundred dollars worth of stamps in that entire collection, yet it won for him the Gold Medal for original research work, the highest possible award.

And to this day, Mr. Pack believes that:

"Just a little bit of money and lots of stamp sagacity, and you have a philatelist."

Mr. Pack, who is president of The American Tree Association, will serve as a member of the Committee of Honor of the forthcoming Exhibition. He was a founder of the Cleveland Trust Company, former president of the World Court League, and aided in the reforestation of France, England, and Italy after the World War.

The Philatelist's Psalm of Life

(With Apologies to Longfellow)

Tell me not in mournful numbers
Philately's an empty dream;
For the stamp collector never slumbers
And his hobby is joy supreme.

Philately is real and earnest.
The search for wealth is not its goal
Stamps thou art—to stamps returnest
Puts many a collector in the hole.

Lives of philatelists all remind us
We can become philatelic "champs";
And departing, leave behind us
All our wealth in postage stamps.

Stamps that perhaps another
Searching far o'er hill and plain;
Some forlorn and half-crazed brother
Seeing—shall take heart again.

Let us then keep on reviewing
Perfs and watermarks of any date;
Still achieving—still pursuing
The elusive postage stamp of fate.

Stamps With Bread

Mr. T. P. Moyer of Los Angeles, Calif., sends a newspaper clipping as well as an advertisement clipped from a local newspaper which tells of postage stamps being given as premiums with each loaf of Weber's Bread.

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Always I have tried to find something in stamps to collect that I thought others were not hunting for. There are lots of good reasons for such a plan. Perhaps the strain of Scotch that is in me leads me to do this in the belief that I can pick up the material cheap because no one else wants it. On the other hand I have never been known to keep track of what I spend on stamps and when I sell I do not know whether I am making or losing money on the transaction, so that must eliminate the Scotch theory.

In my nearly forty years as a stamp collector I have made many collections, collected many things. Built up collections and then disposed of them. I get little kick out of any collection after I have gone as far as I feel I can go in getting material for it or in exhausting the interest that made it appeal to me in the first place. I like to start something new for its in the getting, the hunting, not the possessing that I find the pleasure.

Right now I have several things on which I am working. One of them is a collection of Triangle stamps. I have made quite a little progress in a few months time but still have much to hunt for and am particularly interested in trying to find any of these stamps used on covers.

I have another line however that has intrigued me much more and it has become a very fascinating field.

Have you ever noted the envelopes that were probably most common in the 70's and 80's, envelopes which have the entire fronts lithographed in various light colors, some with pictures of business buildings, others with only wording naming the firm and listing the class of merchandise in which they deal.

I have already accumulated a few hundred of such envelopes, the earliest being back prior to 1860 and the latest running up into 1910. These are however most common in the period from 1865 or 1870 to about 1900.

Doubtless many collectors have old covers, among which may be some of these particular kind of envelopes. I care nothing about what kind of stamps are on the covers for its the covers that interest me rather than the stamps.

Should anyone of you have such covers that do not interest you, the Editor would be glad to buy if your price is satisfactory or would trade you other covers for same. Send them on, state what you want in cash or exchange and I will please you or return your covers.

Strip of Four 10c—1847

The Editor of Linn's has received several strips of four 10c 1847 in his mail in the past week. Along with the strip which is on cover also came copies of the 2c Pan American Invert. Of course there is a silly law about printing pictures of these stamps in the papers, it seems that the Treasury Officials fear that someone will stick them on a letter to mail and that ignorant postal clerks would pass them through as good stamps and thus defraud the government out of some revenue.

Anyhow, the Evening Bulletin of Philadelphia gave Phil Ward, noted Philadelphia collector some nice publicity when it printed a picture of a handsome 10c 1847 cover with a strip of four of the stamps and a copy of the 2c Pan American invert in its columns on January 16.

Each of the items is valued by Ward at $2500 and the interview brings out many other interesting points about stamps and stamp collecting all of which is good publicity both for our Hobby and for Ward, for Ward is one of the heavy buyers of choice things in United States Stamps.

Long Island Stamp Clubs to Form Federation

The various stamp collectors clubs and associations on Long Island held a meeting on January 16 for the purpose of forming a federation of Long Island Stamp Clubs. Thirty-four delegates were in attendance and an outline of the plans and ideas behind a federation of clubs was explained. Those in attendance were highly elated at the prospects for a federation and it was recognized that much good could result from such an organization.

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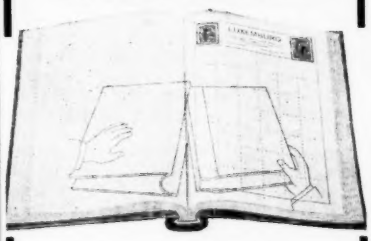

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As simplicity is the basis of the whole work, special attention has been paid to illustrations, of which there will be no less than 6,000, practically all of them in the full size of the stamps, as in the big "Gibbons."

Generally speaking, overprints and surcharges will be indicated by descriptions in the headings of the issues where they occur, and these descriptions are in a specially bold type so that they can be easily seen.

Reference to illustrations is just as easy, as each of them has its "type number," and these type numbers appear in a separate column against the description of each issue. Identification of a particular stamp is still further facilitated by the fact that, in most cases, all stamps of a particular type are grouped together, chronological order being considered less important than the convenience of the collector. The subjects of the designs are described below the illustrations.

Always with the same object in view, the countries are arranged in alphabetical order, but the name of each country is followed by abbreviations indicating its continent and the particular philatelic group to which it belongs, e. g., all the French Colonies, French Post Offices and French Mandated Territories have the abbreviation "(Fr.)" after the name, unless the fact that they are French is clearly indicated in their titles.

After these details come brief notes concerning the geographical situation and political history of the country and particulars of the currencies in which the stamp values are, or have been, expressed.

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Philatelic Liars Club

This newly formed organization has already developed several candidates but too many of the entries that come to hand seem to be the work of just ordinary amateur Liars. We had hoped to develop something original in this club and still have hopes that some better liars than those who have written us will get busy. As it is we are printing but one tale each week and we may be able therefore to get some real worth while material.

We noted the story in Stamps for January 13 where Babe Kennett tells through Harry Konwiser about how he (Babe) and Arthur Hind walked up the beach at Tonga to visit the King with Mr. Haig under one arm and Mrs. Haig under the other and then walked away with the plates for printing the Tongan Stamps. If we knew whether to send a membership card to Babe or to Harry Konwiser we might let one of them in the Club. On the other hand we feel that entries in this club should be published first in Linn's Weekly and will therefore not further consider this entry.

For next week we have a story that seems to have been the work of a Professional. It comes from a newspaper man so we know he has been skilled in his chosen field. It's a daisy and one that will thrill you to the last.

Do not forget that membership in the Philatelic Liars Club can be attained only by having your story published in Linn's Weekly. Put on your thinking cap, fill up your old pipe, settle yourself in your easy chair and then when the spirit moves you, jot it down on paper and mail it in. We hope for some real good ones as this club grows in numbers.

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For this week we award the membership to George T. DeLapp of Pasadena, Calif., for the following:

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SIMPLIFIED STAMP CATALOG Elsewhere in this issue we print an announcement from Stanley Gibbons of London, which is of great importance and interest and which we hope will be the wedge that will force our American Catalogue publishers to follow suit.

For many years we have advocated a thoroughly simplified catalogue of postage stamps. There are many reasons for the need of such a catalogue and just so soon as the Publishers of our American Stamp Catalogue wake up to this fact, just so soon will there be a revival of interest in the general collecting of stamps of all countries.

It has long been recognized that few people can afford or give the time necessary for making a general collection of stamps. As a result of this we find the collector becoming a specialist and the first thing they naturally do is to turn to United States Stamps.

Personally we consider this a very undesirable situation. We feel that the stamp trade would prosper more if there was a more ready market for foreign stamps. We favor the simplification of the catalogue by the elimination of all varieties other than face differences.

Many collections contain three, four or five copies of stamps that to the non collector all look alike yet the collector must painstakingly explain that this one is perforated 10 and has a wide A in the watermark, this one is perforated 10 and has a narrow A in the watermark, in this one the watermark has multiple crowns with CA while in this one the multiple crowns are accompanied by the CA in script letters in the watermark and so on and so on.

Simplification will not do much for some countries but for others it will make big holes in the catalogue.

Elimination of minor varieties will help in other instances and this all helps reduce cost of publication and the thousands of collectors who can not now pay $2.50 to $3.50 for a stamp catalogue will be delighted to buy one for a dollar or thereabouts.

We predict a simplified catalogue for America. Whether it will come from the presses of the present publishers or whether it will be necessary for some more wide awake firm to produce it is a question, but come it will.

The only unpleasant note regarding the new Gibbons Simplified Catalogue is the statement that it will not be sold in America because of regulations regarding stamp illustration.

This will of course mean a new field for the bootlegger, for many American collectors will insist on having copies of this catalogue.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL Our plan of a monthly Special Issue of Linns' Weekly has met with approval of the wide awake dealer as well as with our readers. The handsome issues with two color covers only emphasize the fact that we can produce a paper that is a bit out of the ordinary and we hope to see the time come within the next year or so when this issue can be made a 32 page and cover number and when each weekly issue can carry a cover in colors.

Altho we feel that great strides have been made in general business improvement in the past six months, it takes time to recuperate from the slough in which we and everyone else have been in for the past four years.

We still have much to do to get entirely on our feet and this can only be accomplished as the stamp trade as a whole attains a firm footing.

To those who know, Linn's Weekly was born at the beginning of the late depression. It was saddled with a debt burden left by mismanagement of the plant in which it is produced. It has been a herculean task to accomplish what we have done in the past five years. This has all been accomplished by hard work, constant effort and a willingness to share what little we had with our readers in providing them with a publication at a cost within their reach at depression prices.

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C. C. Weber, Cleveland, sends us a nice lot of extremens in coil spacing and they are real beauties. The one most interesting is the B11 10c coil from New York City. It shows no sign of the false break or major break, yet has a difference of 5mm in spacing on a strip of three. I do not believe a greater difference has ever been reported. If so let us hear from you. I believe this would prove very interesting to all Buro collectors.

Mr. Weber also obliges with the No. 70 B11 ord. from Ballground, Ga., for our collection. Altho not a beauty, it certainly fills the bill. Thanks to you, C. C.

New Buros reported ordered are the Los Angeles 25c ord., Dayton 3c ord. and the 1c, 2c and 3c coils. Minneapolis 3c and 6c coils. Certainly looks as tho our coil collections are due for a real expansion.

The January Bee comes rolling in and continues its good articles on precancels and Buros. The History of Precancels, by N. R. Hoover should prove interesting to all collectors as well as the precancel collector.

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E. F. Bauer, Jr., of Lancaster, Pa., sends me clipping of new municipal airport soon to be completed in that city and offers to hold covers in any event in connection therewith.

Real Crash Covers

Don Dickason of Wooster writes that on January 17, a passing train struck a truck load of mail that had just been unloaded from east and west trains at Wooster, and scattered the mail for a couple miles up both sides of the tracks. Don says that his incoming mail at this date was quite heavy account of his auction and that there is a grave possibility of many letters having been lost so that if anyone had a letter on the way to Don that might have arrived at Wooster about that date that it would be advisable to check with him and make certain that it reached him.

Perhaps those letters recovered, will be offered in a later auction as Crash Covers.

Her Purple Passion

Sounds like one of Elinor Glyn's best sellers but its just a fetish Miss Fay Jordan, New York socialite has for collecting purple stamps. She has books full of them, all shades of purple and the albums housing the stamps are all bound in purple. Miss Jordan got this yen for purple stamps many years ago and her collection of the purples is almost complete altho she herself admits she does not know how many stamps are in the collection.

At past exhibitions she has won many prizes on this unique collection and it is again to be entered in the National Stamp Exhibition opening at Rockefeller Center on February 10th.

This is just another form of collecting that could well be followed by anyone who realizes that the whole works is too much yet wants to get a smattering from all over the world.

It recalls to mind Fred Heyermans famous collection of invert centers, collections of stamps printed in three or more colors, collections of black stamps only.

Specializing along some particular line is an ideal way to collect for it gives one a touch of every country, yet limits the quantity to a reasonable number and makes a very striking collection.

What stamp collecting needs most is more interest in world issues and less encouragement on United States issues which no collector can hope to make a mark in without an enormous expenditure.

New York Women Active

The Women's Philatelic Society of New York which meets on the second and fourth Thursdays each month at the Collectors Club, 30 E. 42nd Street, at 8 p. m., has an excellent program ahead of it and invites all women philatelists to attend the meetings.

Guest speakers are arranged for coming meetings. On February 8th a member of the New York Precancel Club will speak, on March 8th, Mr. Stephen G. Rich and on April 12, Mr. Eugene L. Pollock, Editor of the stamp page in the New York American.

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Naval Cancellations

W. J. Kirby, Editor
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In our last article, we promised to complete a list of Christmas covers received. We shall only mention those using special wording, as a complete list would be too lengthy.

U. S. S. Richmond used the words "MERRY XMAS—BALBOA, C. Z." applied in green, as well as a cachet in red and green—a reproduction of the 1933 Christmas seal.

U. S. S. Schenck and U. S. S. Elliott used a black cancel with "SAN DIEGO—CALIF." in killer bars.

U. S. S. Portland and U. S. S. Medusa used "SAN PEDRO—CALIF." together with cachets conveying Christmas Greetings.

A red cancel from the U. S. S. Fox bore the words "JOYOUS—CHRISTMAS" in location spaces, one of like color from the U. S. S. Hatfield reading "MERRY—CHRISTMAS."

A black cancel from the U. S. S. Kingfisher bore the words "CHRISTMAS—DAY," while the same color from the U. S. S. Dahlgren bore the words "CHRISTMAS—GREETINGS." A black cancel from the U. S. Receiving Ship at Brooklyn, N. Y., had the words "U. S. S. SEATTLE—MERRY XMAS" between killer bars. U. S. S. Maryland, also in black bore the words "CHRISTMAS—DAY"

U. S. S. West Virginia used the words "MERRY—XMAS" in a purple cancel, while the U. S. S. Houston used the same words in red-violet. U. S. S. Brooks used "HOLIDAY—GREETINGS" applied in magenta and blue.

The U. S. S. Lexington used the "Minute Man" cancel on Christmas Day, with the words "SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA— CHRISTMAS, 1933" in location spaces. This cancel, instead of the familiar round cancel, has a square box with the name of the ship. Between this and the killer bars is a picture of a "minute man." This cancel was also used on Dec. 14, the sixth anniversary of the commissioning of the Lexington, with the words "SAN DIEGO & SAN PEDRO, CAL.—COMMISSIONING DAY, 1933." On Jan. 1, the spaces between killer bars bears the words "SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA—NEW YEARS DAY, 1934." All cancels are in black, and each of the covers mentioned bears descriptive cachets. The cancel used has the appearance of being a cachet, rather than a cancel. In other words, the dates and slogans are not interchangeable. I understand that a like cancel will be used on Feb. 12, 14, and 22.

U. S. S. Texas, on Dec. 29, used the words "TEXAS ADMITTED TO UNION," together with a green cachet. Cancel in black.

Cover from "Old Ironsides" on Jan. 1 bears, in addition to one of the familiar ship's cachets, a two-line cachet with the words, "New Years Day, 1934 at San Diego, Calif." Cancel in black, as usual, with the words "SAN DIEGO—CALIF." in location spaces.

U. S. S. Pennsylvania used an attractive New Years cachet, together with the words "START YOUR—RESOLUTIONS," in location spaces; applied in red.

U. S. S. Fox, on Jan. 1, used "HAPPY—NEW YEAR" between killer bars, applied in red-violet. U. S. S. Texas used the same wording applied in black. U. S. S. New Mexico used a purple cancel with the words "NAVY YARD—PHILADELPIA." (Note misspelling.) U. S. S. J. Fred Talbot used a green cancel with "IN CUBAN—WATERS" between bars.

U. S. S. Relief used a black cancels with "2ND. MANEUVERS—MACON—AT SEA" in spaces on Jan. 4. A descriptive cachet is also applied, printed in red.

A cover from the U. S. S. Black Hawk, dated Dec. 13, has the words "NAVY YARD—CAVITE, P. I." between bars; violet ink used. The cover bears a typewritten cachet "The Catalina—purchased by—the U. S. on—Dec. 13, 1917—and became—the U. S. S.—BLACK HAWK."

Sorry that we are unable to give our readers more advance information regarding cancels in the Navy, but this information does not seem to be forthcoming.

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(Philatelic Magazine)

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BRAZIL — Additional values in the recent commemorative design:

A115—400r. emerald
" —600r. rose-red
" —1000r. violet

(H. G. Spanton)
(Philatelic Magazine)

BRAZIL—Mr. F. H. Hawley calls our attention to the fact that the 100r. Air Tax Stamp, chronicled by us Nov. 18th, in mint condition, is as stated, just a tax stamp, BUT USED, it has done its duty for its country and the P. O. Dept. We also note that both Gibbons' and Scott's have seen fit to list it, in the latter it is given #AP11.

CHINA—The 15c. red chronicled in our issue of Oct. 21st, 1933, has been overprinted for use in Szechuen, Yuannan, and Sin-Kiang.

(R. Roberts)

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC — This country has issued a set of commemorative stamps, by surcharging four values of the Air Mail stamps of the issue of 1932, Scott's #488, #490, #491 and #492. The surcharge is in black and as follows: "1533 CARTAGENA 1933" and the new value is printed over each of the numerals of the old value. On the two lower values the word "CARTAGENA" reads diagonally upwards from the lower left corner of the central design to the top right corner, with the dates "1533" up to the left and "1933" below to the right of the word. On the two higher values the dates are in the upper left and right corners respectively and the word "CARTAGENA" horizontally across the middle of the stamp:

AP2—10c. on 50c dark green & brownish black
AP1—15c. on 80c. green & black brown
AP5—20c. on 1p. dark blue & olive bistre
" 30c. on 2p. orange brown & olive bistre

(Max J. Guerth)

ECUADOR—Under-noted value of 1930 series, surcharged in black in double line figure and black tablet with white letters in words, "10 CENTAVOS":

A118—10c. on 16c. red & yellow green

(R. Roberts)

EGYPT—Our readers might be interested to learn that Whitfield King's catalog published in England have seen fit to include the "Postal Seal" labels issued to the British forces in Egypt, and term them "Military Stamps."

ERITREA—The new pictorials foreshadowed in our notes of Dec. 23, 1933, have appeared. Printed on new paper with ribbed gum, large oblong, upright or transverse format, perf. 14, wmk. crown. Various designs of Camels, Elephants, Natives, Sharks, Fishing, etc. 2c., deep blue; 5c. sepia black; 10c. brown; 15c. orange-brown; 25c. deep green; 35c. bright purple; 1L. black; 2L. deep olive; 5L. carmine; 10L. orange. The 1L., 5L. & 10L. are upright, and the rest of the set transverse format.

(R. Roberts)

FRANCE—Another peace design value:

65c. mauve

(Philatelic Magazine)

FRANCE—Newspaper Stamps.—Regular issue of 1933, surcharged "½ CENTIME":

A22—½c. on 1c. olive bistre

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

GREECE—New High values. Line engraved, perf. 13½ x 12½ on the 50dr. and 12½ x 13½ on the other two:

50dr. deep blue & black
75dr. lilac & black
100dr. slate & brown

(R. Roberts)

HAITI—The latest issue of Philatelic Magazine pictures a 2.50G. value in the pictorial set chronicled in this column last week. No details as to colors are available, but the half-tone is clear enough for us to make out the wording "Batterie de Vallieres" beneath the picture.

INDIA — Philatelic Magazine publishes the authoritative statement that existing stocks of airmail stamps are being exhausted and will not be renewed.

INDIA—Cochin — Two more values in the current design. Perf. 13 x 14, wmk. umbrella:

A9—6p.claret
" —1a. orange

(R. Roberts)

ITALIAN COLONIES—Decennale Commemorative. 10 years celebration of Facisti rule, both upright format:

25L. slate (postage)
50L. blue (airmail)

(R. Roberts)

ITALIAN COLONIES—In our issue of Dec. 30th, we announced these as on the way, but stated that they would both be airmails.

KUWAIT—Under-mentioned Nasik on mult. star wmk. paper, overprinted for use here:

A55—12a. claret

(Philatelic Magazine)

LIECHTENSTEIN—New Postage. Portrait of the Prince in ornamental frame. Large upright format, perf. 12½, unwmk. on thin paper:

3fr. blue

(R. Roberts)

MEXICO—Add to the set announced in our notes of Oct. 21, 1933, to following value:

A97—1c. dark violet

MEXICO — Official Air Post Stamps. Air Post Stamp of 1927, overprinted as Scott's #1178:

AP1—50c. dark blue & red brown

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

PENRHYN ISLAND — The news in this issue, under Aitutaki, applies here also.

(Philatelic Magazine)

PERU—Mr. F. H. Hawley informs us that the new commemorative issue, last mentioned in our issue of Dec. 30th, may still be further delayed due to economy. He also informs us that the 1 sol, type A115, has been re-issued in a new color, as yet unknown, but the new ink we understand will show any attempt to clean.

SWITZERLAND—Following values have appeared on the new paper described in our notes of Jan. 13th, but the 35c., 90c. and 2fr. only, have chalky surface:

A26— 3c. deep ultramarine on buff
" — 5c. slate green on buff
A28—10c. purple on buff
" —20c. carmine on buff
" —30c. blue on buff
A25—35c. yellow & green on white
A36—90c. green & red on green surfaced paper
" — 2fr. black & red on drab surfaced paper

(R. Roberts)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that on the new 5 shillings rotogravure printed stamps, the impression is a poor, very flat production and that there are many minor varieties.

Three Cent Lincoln

Due to Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, the Postoffice Department at Washington is having a special printing of the last 3c Lincoln stamp prepared in order that sufficient quantities of this stamp may be available throughout the country for use on this date.

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Precancels

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest on all Precancels, other than Buro Prints, should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

K. M. GIERHART, BALTIMORE, OHIO

This column is conducted for the benefit of the beginner and novice PRECANCEL COLLECTOR. I want them to feel free to write me on any question pertaining to the general precancel field and I will do my best to answer them or put them in touch with parties who can supply the specific information requested. I would like to see whatever new commemoratives or interesting general precancels you come across and will return them promptly paying return postage. But if you just wish a question answered please enclose a purple stamp. In submitting commemoratives, etc., please state plainly that you wish them returned, because I have experienced the embarrassing situation of keeping material that was not meant for me to keep, and for returning material I was supposed to keep, so-oooooo PLEASE BE EXPLICIT.

The Maryland section of the new catalog arrived this morning and I find it is fully as complete and instructive as the Maine section. If you are interested in this state don't hesitate to obtain a copy now, for in so doing you will expediate the publication of the remaining sections.

Received the auction catalog of Geo. E. Higgins of San Clemente, Calif., with a 1c ord. from the home town in U-121. From J. W. Stoutzenberg comes his cachet cover news with a 1c Century of Progress of Collinsville, Ill. in U-121 paying the transportation.

F. A. Wood of San Gabriel, Calif. submits a lot among which are three 1c ordinaries from Alhambra. Two of them are in the typeset type spoke of a few weeks back in this column. The difference being one is in a bold faced type. The third is a product of a MIMEOGRAPH. The legend being all in caps and between lines made with the typewriter rather than drawn. Mr. Wood tells me that Hollywood, Calif. no longer uses its own precancels but those of Los Angeles. I wonder if any other of my west coast readers can shed any light on this. It does not seem so long ago that I saw original mail coming from the movie Mecca with its own precancels that I can hardly believe the above, yet Mr. Wood must have good reasons for making the statement.

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A Novel Stunt for Your Stamp Exhibition

At the January 13, 14, Exhibition held by the Columbus Philatelic Club in Columbus, one of the frames in the exhibit was filled entirely full of stamps, they were just spread in, in any way to fill the entire surface of the frame. In the center of the frame was a card announcing that all of the stamps in the frame would be given free to the person guessing nearest the number of the stamps in the frame. A box to deposit guesses with a bunch of paper on which to write same was attached to the frame.

We have no record of the number of guesses made but the frame was the center of attraction on both days and the winning number was 1291, the number of stamps being 1285.

At the banquet of the club there were numbered tickets at each plate for a drawing for a door prize for both ladies and gentlemen. It so happened that a lady had a ticket numbered 1313. The date was January 13 and her birthday was on the 13th. This fact was learned and it seems that there must be a lot of stamp collectors who play hunches or play the stock market numbers in the newspapers for on opening the box to check the guesses there were six or seven slips all with 1313 as the guess.

The stamps were won by H. L. Stephens, Dayton, Ohio.

Stamp Show at Oshkosh

Already the Oshkosh Philatelic Society is laying plans for the state convention of Wisconsin Stamp Collectors. Wisconsin has an association of stamp clubs and the annual meeting this year is scheduled for April 7 and 8 at Oshkosh.

There will be an exhibit and bourse and of course a banquet besides other things to interest and attract the visitors. All Wisconsin collectors are encouraged to enter stamps in the exhibit which will be competitive and interested collectors should get in touch at once, with F. M. Gatchel, 7 Spruce St., Oshkosh, for full particulars.

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BROADWAY CHATTER

By BI STANDER

The Chambers Stamp Company of Nassau Street has disposed of its stock. Mr. Perly Chambers was up to his retirement a short time ago, one of the oldest, or the oldest stamp dealer in New York. It was a pleasure to drop in and speak to Mr. Chambers and hear his intensely interesting account of the stamp doings in the days that are past. When 1847's came in quantities, and a stamp was a stamp even if half of it was only there. Mrs. Nussbaum, his daughter, carried on the business since Mr. Chambers' retirement.

It took two separate auctions to dispose of the stock of the Marvel Stamp Company, at 1476 Broadway, corner Broadway and 42nd Street. The first auction bid for the whole stock was made by a Gus Hershkowitz, a regular auctioneer and topped all the subsequent single bids. On January 22nd, the separate bidders had their innings as the above auctioneer resold the stock. Some bidders had to rebuy the same item twice on different days. Queer, we say.

We hear of a new stamp shop, namely, Waljon Stamp Shoppe, 208—48th St., Union City, New Jersey.

We also hear that the Hertelle Stamp Company, formerly at 165 West 75th Street, are now located at the Marbury Hall Hotel, corner 74th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, a fine location to say the least and almost on the street level.

The Taft Hotel on Broadway and 50th Street will be the scene of the next stamp bourse. The meeting has been postponed until February 9th, next.

A man who "knows his onions" or otherwise U. S. stamps, is Cleveland Cady of Tenafly, New Jersey. He has no stamp store but he has quite a stock of U. S. We have known him for many years and meet him around New York very often in the offices of various stamp dealers.

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